sumer is duped by these filling stations; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the petrol filling stations found indulging in such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) During a special checking drive launched by the Delhi Weights and Measures Wing of the Delhi Administration in the first week of April, 1986, 113 Petrol/Diesel Stations were checked and 35 stations out of them were found giving short delivery ranging from 20 ml to 150 ml in a measure of 5 litres.

(c) Legal action against the offenders has been initiated by the Weights & Measures Wing of the Delhi Administration.

Setting up refineries in joint sectors

930. SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI; WiU the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any applications from private sector were invited and received till 24th October, 1985 for setting up of refineries in the joint sector;

(b) if so, the name's of the firms which applied;

(c) whether any decision has been taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is enclosed (See below).

(c) and (d) The matter i» still under the consideration of Government.

Statement

Parties showing interest in the Joint Sector Refm/erie,*

1. B. D. Steels Castings Ltd.
2. Shell International
3. The Century Spinning & Mfg. Co. Ltd.
4. M/s. Zuari Agro Chemicals Limited.
5. National Engineering Company, Jaipur
6. M/s. Straw Products Ltd., New Delhi
7. M/s. Punj & Sons Ltd., New-Delhi
8. The Gwalior Rayon Silk Mfg. (Wvg). Co. Ltd.
9. Mr. Srichand P. Hinduja, UK
10. Golden Tobacco Company
11. M/s. Bajoria Agency Pvt. Ltd.
12. Gulf Consolidated Company
13. Essar Investments Ltd.
14. Larsen & Tubr0
15. Reliance Industries Ltd.
16. Indian Rayon Corporation
17. United Breweries Group
18. Krishna Steel Industries
19. Dr. B. K. Sinha (France).

Coal fields located In Orissa

931. SHRI JAGADISH JANI; Willi; the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring the various coal fields located in Orissa under the administrative control of one coal company;

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing the above proposal so far; and

(c) the steps taken for the administrative reconstruction of various coal fields in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) In view of the extensive geographical

areas over which some coal companies operate, the managerial, technical and communication problem™ etc being encountered by them, two new companies, namely Northern Coalfields Limited and South Eastern Coalfields Limited have been incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 as subsidiaries of Coal India Limited with effect from 28-11-1985.

Various coalfields located in Orissa in lb valley area, formerly under Western Coalfields Limited and Tal-cher area, formerly under Central Coalfields Limited have been put under the jurisdiction of South Eastern Coalfields Limited, the newly formed subsidiary of Coal India Limited.

LPG connections in Union territory, Delhi

932. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDD'IQI; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS he pleased to state:

(a) th$_e$ total number of LPG connections allotted in the Union Territory of Delhi so far; and

(b) what is the waiting list till the end of March, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH); (a) 8,05,180.

(b) 5,10,920.

Adulteration in Petroleum Products

933. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATH-VAKOLI: SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to 6tate;

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of case$_s$ of adulterating petroleum prodcuts have come to Govern-ment's notice during the period from 1st January, 1983 to 31st March, 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action has been taken in each case against the adulterators;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard; if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reason$_s$ therefor;

(e) whether any rules have been framed in this connection if so, the details thereof;

(f) how many persons and dealers in Gujarat have been taken to task in this connection; and

(g) what concrete steps have been taken *to* minimise such casas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH); (a) to (c) The required information is given in the attached statement. (See below)

(d) and (e) The measures taken in this regard include: —

(i) The Oil Industry had evolved in 1982 guidelines on marketing discipline at retail outlets which *inter-alia* deal with matters concerning quality control of products, steps to b$_e$ taken against erring retail outlets/distributors.

(ii) Regular inspections of retail outlets by joint oil industry teams with a view to curbing various malpractices.

(iii) Issue of instructions to all State Governments Union Territory Administrations to intensify checks on adulteration and other malpractices in the distribution of petroleum products in their States.

(iv) The Oil Industry has announced an award of Rs. 25.000 to any one who comes forward with